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**Excise Police Arrests Illinois Man for Selling Bootleg DVDs**

**RICHMOND, Ind. (Oct. 9)** – Indiana State Excise Police arrested an Illinois man for selling bootleg DVDs over the weekend.

Excise police arrested Tarrick T. Lawrence, 30, of Madison, Ill., Oct. 5 after receiving a complaint alleging Lawrence was selling bootleg copies of DVDs outside Liberty Bell in Richmond.

Excise officers purchased copies of DVDs from Lawrence on multiple occasions. Officers seized 383 alleged bootleg DVDs, a computer, a DVD player and an undisclosed amount of U.S. Currency from Lawrence's booth at Liberty Bell Friday.

Lawrence was taken to the Wayne County Jail and preliminary charged with fraud, a class D felony.

Indiana State Excise Police officers are the enforcement division of the Indiana Alcohol & Tobacco Commission. While excise officers have the authority to enforce any state law, they focus primarily on enforcing Indiana's alcohol and tobacco statutes.

*All criminal defendants are to be presumed innocent until, and unless, proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.*